History of Lovina Averett Murdock

Lovina (or Lavina) Averett was the daughter of William and Elizabeth Hicken Averett. Lovina was born 6 Nov 1867 in Heber, Utah.

Childhood: She went to Heber Schools and grew up in a near-pioneer life, while Heber still had muddy and sometime dry and dusty streets.

Marriage: Lovina Averett married Nelson Murdock, son of Joseph Stacy and Elizabeth Hunter, on 24 Mar 1894 in Heber, Utah.

They eventually had five children: 1. Averett "E" married Gertrude Nissel; 2. Ermmina "E" married Harold V. Davis; 3. Clive married (1) Dahlia Melkie, and married (2) Zella Bertram; 4. Keith married (1) Marjorie Miles, and married (2) Delores Kennedy; 5. Wm. Blaine married (1) Edna Ferrell Wood and (2) Capt●la Cherrington.

Lovina was widowed fairly early in her life and was left to find a livelihood by herself. She was a very energetic woman and found many things to do to support herself and children.

She was County Treasurer for some time, and City recorder in 1903, under Heber City Mayor John T. Giles.

She served her LDS church in various Capacities: i.e. Counselor to the 6th Young Woman's Mutual President Clara Clyde in Wasatch Stake in 1910, etc.

In 1914 she and David A. Broadbent represented the Heber 3rd Ward Parents Class of Sunday School in presenting ideas to the city fathers on how they could improve and beautify the Heber City, Cemetery.

She also became a charter member of the first camp of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers organized in Wasatch County on 28 May 1920.

It is said that she also helped in the schools for a time.

The exact date is not known, but apparently she was approached by Dr. Henry Ray Hatch to open one or 2 of her rooms in her home to care for sick patients. She accepted and for a time she feed and nursed Dr. Hatch's patients in her home.

Eva Althia Maria Anderson Erickson was hired by Dr. Hatch as a registered nurse to do the exacting nurse's work in that 1st Hospital in Heber, Utah. Lovina's Home Hosp. was located at 210 North 200 East Heber, Utah.

At first, the present bldg. only had the South part. Later Lenard Howe added on the North part to its present size and appearance.

Lovina Averett Murdock was lovingly called "Aunt Vine" She was sister to "Ad" and Eustacia.

Nelson Murdock and Lovina had five children. They all grew to adulthood and married to have families of their own.

Nelson died in July 1903 in Heber, Utah.
Lovina Averett Murdock died in Midvale, Salt Lake Co. Utah at on 23 Aug 1957 and was burried in Heber City, Cemetery.

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